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SUBJECT: JUNE 29 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. NYT'S BROWNE IN PP SKETCHES DEVASTATING PORTRAIT
OF GKR INEPTNESS, LEADERSHIP SHORTCOMINGS, UPPER-

CLASS CALLOUSNESS AND ARROGANCE, CORRUPTION, WIDESPREAD SENSE OF RESIGNATION IN FACE OF UNCONTROLLABLE OUTSIDE FORCES, POPULAR APATHY, AND INDICATIONS OF RISING SOCIAL TENSIONS. AMONG SCENES HE DESCRIBES ARE RELUCTANCE OF FANK COLONEL IN AIR-CONDITIONED CAR TO STOP AND HELP PEOPLE KILLED AND WOUNDED IN CAFE BOMBING INCIDENT LAST WEEK; FRENCH-EDUCATED FANK COLONEL WITH TWO INCH-LONG NAILS ON LITTLE FINGERS SIPPING TEA IN COMMAND POST SAFELY REMOVED FROM BATTLE SCENE; REFUGEES CAMPING OUT ON MUD FIELD IN FACE OF HARASSMENT OF WEALTHY LANDOWNER. BROWNE'S CLINCHER, FROM KHMER SOURCE: "THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE COMMUNISTS TO WIN THE WAR," "WE WILL WIN IT FOR THEM. AND THAT, I SUPPOSE, IS JUST WHAT SIHANOUK AND HIS PEOPLE HAVE IN MIND."

2. ALL PAPERS FEATURE CONTINUING WH-CONGRESSIONAL STRUGGLE OVER CAMBODIA BOMBING FUNDS CUTOFF ISSUE. POST'S LYONS-RICH REPORTS EAGLETON-SPONSORED BAN ON USE OF ANY FUNDS -PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE - WAS ADDED TO DEBT CEILING BILL BY SENATE-HOUSE

CONFERENCE AND NOW WILL GO TO HOUSE FLOOR. STRUGGLE, ACCORDING LYONS-RICH, THREATENS TO HOLD UP FINANCING FOR ALL FEDERAL AGENCIES AFTER SATURDAY NIGHT. SECRETARY ROGERS EMERGED FROM SFRC MEETING SAYING "COMPROMISE CAN BE WORKED OUT." SECRETARY DID NOT MENTION DATES TO NEWSMEN, BUT ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN HAVE HINTED THEY MIGHT BE WILLING TO ACCEPT BOMBING FUNDS CUTOFF PROVIDED IT DID NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL AUGUST 15 AND APPLIED ONLY TO LAOS AND CAMBODIA, NOT VIETNAM. BUT MANSFIELD REFUSES ACCEPT ANY DELAY. LYONS-RICH REPORT THAT WHILE SOME SENATORS SAY THEY STILL FAVOR FUNDS CUTOFF, THEY FEAR ITS INVOLVEMENT IN DISPUTE OVER EMERGENCY FINANCING COULD BRING ENTIRE GOVERNMENT TO HALT.
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3. NYT'S MADDEN REPORTS HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE STRUGGLING TO FIND COMPROMISE AND HAS PROPOSED CUTOFF BE DELAYED UNTIL AUGUST 15. COMMITTEE HAS RESURRECTED VETOED \$3.4 BILLION SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND SENT IT BACK TO FLOOR WITH AUGUST 15 FUNDS CUTOFF DATE ATTACHED. COMMITTEE ACTED AFTER REP. CEDERBERG GAVE ASSURANCES BASED UPON HIS DISCUSSION WITH WH THAT PRESIDENT WOULD NOT VETO BILL WITH AUGUST 15 CUTOFF DATE. SIMILARLY REP. MAHON SAID HE TALKED WITH LAIRD AND WAS "VERY MUCH ENCOURAGED" THAT PRESIDENT WOULD NOT VETO BILL.

4. NYDN'S ANTEVIL REPORTS IT UNCERTAIN WHETHER HOUSE WILL ACCEPT COMPROMISE BILL AND IT VERY UNLIKELY SENATE WOULD. SUN'S CORDDRY REPORTS THAT DESPITE SOME COMPROMISE TALKS ON HILL, BOTH HOUSES APPEAR DETERMINED TO FORCE SHOWDOWN WITH PRESIDENT AND BY WEEKEND, PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO BE HANDED TWO OR THREE MONEY MEASURES CARRYING RIDERS DESIGNED TO FORCE BOMBING HALT. CORDDRY ALSO REPORTS THAT AFTER SECRETARY ROGERS' APPEARANCE BEFORE SFRC, FULBRIGHT TOLD NEWSMEN HE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER "SOME TYPE OF COMPROMISE- THAT COULD AVOID AN IMPASSE. BUT CORDDRY ALSO NOTES MANSFIELD IS IN NO MOOD TO COMPROMISE.

5. SCHLESINGER WINS SENATE CONFIRMATION AFTER PROXMIRE DROPS OBJECTIONS ALTHOUGH EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS ABOUT SCHLESINGER'S ASSERTION THAT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS HE WOULD RECOMMEND RESUMPTION OF BOMBING OF NVN. SYMINGTON SAYS IT WOULD HAVE

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BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR SCHLESINGER TO SAY ANYTHING DIFFERENT SINCE IT REFLECTED ADMIN POLICY. ELABORATING ON HIS ORIGINAL STATEMENT, SCHLESINGER SAID ONLY CONDITION HE COULD FORESEE THAT WOULD WARRANT RENEWAL OF NVN BOMBING WOULD BE "MAJOR AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS BY NORTH VIETNAM WHICH WOULD THEATEN SOUTH
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VIETNAM, IN VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS"
(NYDN, CHITRIB).

6. IN PARIS POL TALK, GVN PROPOSES TIMETABLE FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT ENDING WITH GENERAL ELECTIONS CHRISTMAS DAY. NVA WOULD BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE SVN TWO MONTHS BEFORE ELECTION. VC REP CALLS PLAN "PHONY" MANEUVER DESIGNED COVER UP SAIGON'S C-F BREACHES (PHINQ, NYDN, WP).

7. US AND KHMER PLANES BLAST KI POSITIONS AROUND PP DEFENSE PERIMETER. GEN. SOSTHENE SAYS CONTINUING US AIR SUPPORT WILL INFLICT HEAVY LOSSES ON KI AND NVA "AND THE WAR WILL END VERY QUICKLY." (WP)

8. HONG KONG WIRES SERVICES QUOTE NCNA ON PRC HYDROGEN BOMB TEST: "CONDUCTING OF NECESSARY AND LIMITED NUCLEAR TESTS BY CHINA IS ENTIRELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFENSE AND FOR BREAKING THE MONOPOLY BY THE SUPERPOWERS, WITH THE ULTIMATE AIM OF ABOLISHING NUCLEAR WEAPONS." UK DEFENSE SOURCES SAID LATEST TEST SHOWED "GROWING SOPHISTICATION" IN TRIGGERING EXPLOSION. JAPAN PROTESTED, AS DID AUSTRALIA,

NZ, USSR, SVN AND INDONESIA (PHINQ, CHITRIB, WP, NYDN, WSJ, CSM, NYT). UK FONOFF COMMENTS "THE CHINESE WILL BE AWARE OF OUR VIEW THAT THEY, IN COMMON WITH ALL OTHER STATES THAT HAVE NOT DONE SO, SHOULD ACCEDE TO THE PARTIAL TEST BAN TREATY OF 1963 WHICH PROHIBITS NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE ATMOSPHERE" (AP, NYT).

9. WSJ SQUIB REPORTS PRC LEADERS COMPLAIN THAT US PRESS TREATMENT OF CHINA IS TOO KIND. LEADERS SAY JOURNALISTS WHO ONCE SAID NOTHING GOOD ABOUT COMMUNIST RULE NOW FIND NOTHING WRONG, CITING JOE ALSOP AS LEADING EXAMPLE. WSJ REMARKS THAT PEKING DOES LITTLE TO HELP RESTORE BALANCE IN COVERAGE SINCE NEWSMEN'S TRAVEL, ACCESS TO HIGH OFFICIALS REMAIN RESTRICTED.

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10. CSM'S HAYWARD, IN HONG KONG, OBSERVES PROLIFERATION OF ATHLETIC AND OTHER EXCHANGES BETWEEN PRC AND OTHER COUNTRIES TRANSITTING THE CROWN COLONY SINCE BEGINNING OF PING-PONG DIPLOMACY.

11. AP HAMILTON (ONTARIO) (GLOBE, JUNE 28) REPORTS CHU MU-CHIH, HEAD OF CHINESE JOURNALIST DELEGATION NOW IN CANADA, AS SAYING ALL NORTH AMERICANS LOOK ALIKE.

12. OBERDORFER (WP, PEPPER (SUN), AND POND (CSM) REPORT CONSTERNATION IN TOKYO OVER "SOYBEAN SHOCK". FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALLY ASKS FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN EMERGENCY ALLOCATIONS. SOCIALIST MP CONTENTS ACTION FURTHER PROOF US CARES NOTHING ABOUT JAPAN; NISHIMARU OF FOOD RESEARCH INSTITUTE SAYS JAPAN WRONG TO BECOME SO DEPENDENT ON ONE COUNTRY, AND ADDS NO CAUCASIAN COUNTRY ACCEPTS CONCEPT OF "GIRI" - JAPANESE WAY OF REPAYING OBLIGATIONS. GOJ SPOKESMAN NIKAIDO SAYS COUNTRY HAS ABOUT TWO MONTHS SUPPLY, BUT SITUATION WILL BE SERIOUS IF CONTROLS BECOME PERMANENT. AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL SAYS US WILL DO ITS BEST, QUOTES SECRETARY BUTZ AS SAYING JAPAN WILL BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION IN QUOTAS TO BE ANNOUNCED MONDAY, AND THATBANPARTIALLY DESIGNED TO PROTECT TRADITIONAL PURCHASERS SUCH AS JAPAN. WSJ WARNS EXPORT CURBS MAY BE EXTENDED TO CORN (WP, SUN, CSM, NYT, WSJ).

13. PM KIRK SAYS ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSION CAUSING RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT IS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (AP, LONDON; NYT).

14. CREW OF NZ FRIGATE OTAGO EN ROUTE TO FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST AREA CONDUCTED TWO-HOUR FALLOUT COUNTER-MEASURES DRILL YESTERDAY (UPI, AUCKLAND; NYDN).

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15. FRANCE RELEASES WHITE PAPER SAYING TESTS IN SOUTH PACIFIC HARMLESS TO PEOPLE OR ENVIRONMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ARMS NECESSARY TO FRENCH SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE (UPI, NYT).

16. NK AGAIN DEMANDS US WITHDRAWAL FROM ROK, ACCUSES IT OF FABRICATING TWO KOREAS, AND RENEWS

PROPOSAL OF CONFEDERATION OF TWO PARTS FOR UN ADMISSION (AP, PANMUNJOM; NYDN, UPI, SEOUL; PHINQ).

17. LAT'S DON SHANNON (JUNE 28) REPORTS NK FONMIN HO DAM SENT CABLE UNSYG WALDHEIM ASKING FOR OBSERVER STATUS. SYG SPOKESMAN SAID REQUEST BEING STUDIED BY LEGAL EXPERTS AND SECRETARY GENERAL HAS NOTIFIED USUN OF REQUEST. USUN SOURCE PREDICTED THAT VISAS WILL BE GRANTED.

18. PHILS TAKE MAJOR STEP TOWARD RELATIONS WITH PRC BY OPENING CONTACTS BETWEEN PHIL VETERANS BANK AND BANK OF CHINA. MARCOS HAS ASSERTED WILLINGNESS TO ESTABLISH TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (AP, MANILA; S-N).

19. UPI REPORTS YEVTUSHENKO SPENT PAST WEEK SECRETLY IN HONG KONG. FRIENDS SAY POET TRAVELING THROUGH FAR EAST FOR "LOCAL COLOR" FOR NEW SERIES OF POEMS ON ASIA. VISIT SHOWS RARE DIVERGENCE BY HKG FROM USUAL POLICY OF DENYING SOVIET CITIZENS EVEN SHORT TERM ENTRY VISAS (UPI, HK; WP, PHINQ).

20. IN CONTEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL VETO, GLOBE (JUNE 28) WONDERS: IS IT MERELY VANITY WHICH MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR MR. NIXON TO DEFER TO THE MAJORITY WILL OF CONGRESS, OR DOES HE HAVE SOME UNSTATED REASONS FOR CONTINUING US PARTICIPATION IN INDOCHINA FIGHTING? ONLY MR. NIXON CAN SATISFACTORILY ANSWER EITHER QUESTION, BUT HASN'T. ON PRESIDENT'S MOTIVES, GLOBE RECALLS "CURIOUS

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CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DERAILMENT OF THE PARIS PEACE TALKS IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE 1968

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN" AS DISCLOSED BY DEAN AT WATERGATE HEARING. LBJ, CONVINCED THAT "SOMEONE IN THE OTHER GROUP" HAD BEEN WORKING BEHIND SCENES TO PERSUADE GVN TO BOYCOTT PARIS TALKS, MADE AN ANGRY TELEPHONE CALL TO THE CAMPAIGNING NIXON. BUT THE TALKS, AS LBJ SAID, WERE INDEED "RUN OFF THE RAILS," AND MR. NIXON WAS ELECTED BY WAR-AGONIZED NATION. MR. NIXON CONTINUED THE WAR FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AND HE STILL REFUSED TO END IT IN CAMBODIA. REP. KEMP'S (R-NY) EXPLANATION THAT "THE PRESIDENT HAS TO BE CREDIBLE ALL OVER THE WORLD" WON'T DO. TO AVOID ADDITIONAL KILLING IN INDOCHINA AND CRISIS AT HOME, GLOBE COMMENDS AS "SOUND" ADVICE, REP. LONG'S UNEQUIVOCAL COMMENT: "GET THE HELL OUT;" LAT (JUNE 28) SEES IN VETO MESSAGE NO ADEQUATE

EXPLANATION OF WHAT IT IS THAT HAS DRIVEN PRES. TO TREAT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WITH SUCH CONTEMPT, AND WHAT HE FINDS SO IMPORTANT IN INDOCHINA TO JUSTIFY RISKING WHOLE US GOVERNMENT. SHARES SEN. MANSFIELD'S "DESPAIR, SHOCK AND ALARM".

21. SAM ADAMS, FORMER CIA ANALYST ON KHMER/VIET COMMUNIST AFFAIRS, SEES PP SOONER OR LATER FALLING TO CAMBODIAN COMMUNISTS BECAUSE THEY OUTFOUGHT, OUTRECRUITED AND OUTORGANIZED GKR. FAULTS US INTELLIGENCE FOR NOT ANTICIPATING THESE DEVELOPMENTS. SAYS WHEN POSTMORTEM IS HELD ON WHAT HAPPENED, IT WILL BE DISCOVERED THAT US INTELLIGENCE REPEATED IN CAMBODIA THE MISTAKES IT MADE IN VN. BY FAILING SO LONG TO EXAMINE THE ADVERSARIES' NATIVE STRENGTH, WE ONCE AGAIN MISREAD THE NATURE OF THE CONFLICT. FAR FROM BEING FOREIGN AGGRESSION, CAMBODIAN STRUGGLE IS NOW CIVIL WAR. BY OBSCURING THE PROBLEM - FIRST BY NEGLECT, THEN BY STRATAGEM - US INTELLIGENCE HAS ONLY COMPOUNDED IT, AND WE ARE LEFT TO WATCH IN DISMAY AS CAMBODIA FALLS TO CAMBODIAN COMMUNISTS (NYT).

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22. WP SAYS BY VETOING APPROPRIATIONS BILL PRESIDENT IGNORES REALITIES; WHAT MAKES HIM SO DETERMINED TO SET GOOD POLITICS AND GOOD POLICY ASIDE AND INSTEAD RUSH INTO A GRATUITOUS AND HARMFUL COLLISION WITH CONGRESS, THE COUNTRY - AND WITH HIS OWN BEST INTEREST AS WELL? HE HASN'T COME UP WITH ANY EXTRAORDINARILY POWERFUL ARGUMENT FOR CONTINUING THE US WAR EFFORT IN INDOCHINA.

23. CSM QUESTIONS CONTINUATION OF CAMBODIA BOMBING, EXPRESSING VIEW THAT PRES. DOUBTLESS BELIEVES

BOMBING IS INTEGRAL PART OF HIS "PEACE WITH HONOR" STRATEGY FOR INDOCHINA. IMPLIES PRES. SHOULD BE MORE CONCILIATORY; HE WILL NEED CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND IN LARGER PLANNING FOR THE ECONOMY. HE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON SECURING THIS SUPPORT AND WEIGH CAREFULLY THE RISK OF DRIVING CONGRESS TO THE WALL OVER CAMBODIA.

24. NYDN'S STAN CARTER SEES PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS HEADING FOR SHOWDOWN THAT COULD BRING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS TO GRINDING HALT UNLESS TWO PIECES OF LEGISLATION ENACTED BY MIDNIGHT SATURDAY: THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION AND THE EXTENSION OF FEDERAL

DEBT CEILING WHICH EXPIRES JUNE 30. SETTING THE STAGE FOR CONFRONTATION, LAIRD SAID PRES. WOULD VETO THESE BILLS, TOO, IF THEY CONTAINED THE BAN ON CAMBODIA BOMBING. BUT, LAIRD TOLD NYDN THAT WH WOULD ACCEPT A SEPT. 1 CUTOFF DATE FOR THE BOMBING, AND TOLD WP AN EVEN EARLIER CUTOFF DATE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE. WH HAS BEEN HINTING FOR THE PAST WEEK THAT CAMBODIAN SETTLEMENT MIGHT BE NEAR IF CONGRESS DOESN'T RUIN PRESIDENT'S BARGAINING POSITION BY REFUSING TO LET HIM CONTINUE BOMBING. THERE WERE HINTS THAT PRC AND USSR TRYING TO HELP ARRANGE SETTLEMENT. LAIRD TOLD NYDN THAT DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS WERE UNDER WAY, AND HAK HOPED FOR SETTLEMENT WITHIN 60 DAYS. ROGERS
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